



Mary Cronin works with a child from the Developmental Learning Center on the campus.

Approval of two courses for graduate credit in the education and psychology department of Avila College has been received from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The two courses for graduate credit will be offered for the first time during the 1975 summer session. Applications and information will be available after March 15 through Sr. Marie Georgette Eschbacher, chairman of the department.

Respond to Need

In announcing the initiation of the courses, Sr. Marie Georgette explained that "Since the approval of our first special education program in 1962, and the consequent approval of more recently developed curricula in 1972, the department has received persistent requests for the development of a quality program at the graduate level. We have recently been encouraged in this direction by professional colleagues in area universities, because of the heavy demands placed upon their institutions by applicants seeking graduate credits for special education courses." She also stressed that only two courses for graduate credit are available and that a master's degree program is not being offered. The graduate credit earned may be applied to a master's degree at another institution upon the approval of that institution. The two courses to be offered are Behavior Management and Educational Assessment.

Quality Program

The college has offered, through its department of education and psychology, a continually growing and developing program of quality in special education, including the areas of mental retardation, emotional disturbance and learning disabilities, since 1961. These programs have been planned to meet the needs of teachers, administrators, school districts, and children in the Kansas and Missouri geographic area, and have included

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Tuition Increases for '75 - '76 Announced

The Finance Committee has announced tuition increases for the 1975-76 school year. Tuition for the full-time student will be \$1,700 for the year, an increase of \$100 over the current year, while room and board will be \$1,150, an increase of \$50. Fees will remain the same.

Tuition per credit hour for the part-time day student will be \$53, an increase of \$3 per credit hour; fees will remain the same. Tuition for part-time

evening students and those attending Saturday classes will be \$35 per credit hour, an increase of \$5 per credit hour; fees included. The tuition for non-credit courses will be \$20 per credit hour, an increase of \$10 per credit hour.

Costs Below Others

Summer session tuition for 1975 will remain at \$30 per credit hour for evening sessions. Day sessions will be \$45 per credit hour, an increase of \$3. Room and board will be \$42 per week.

In announcing the increases, Sr. Olive Louise, president, pointed out that Avila College maintains a structure of costs well below most other private institutions in Missouri. She also cited the college's excellent academic programs and its record of operating within a budget.

preservice and inservice teachers and personnel. There are currently 343 majors in the education and psychology department, 144 of them in special education. The department also serves numbers of persons with degrees who are working on certification.

Society Presents Book Grant to Library

The Jewish Chautauqua Society recently presented a book grant to the Avila College library. Mr. Donald Golden, a member of the Society's Board of Trustees, presented the books on Jewish subjects to Sr. Una Marie, head librarian, and Sr. Olive Louise, president.

The Society provides books upon the request of college librarians. Avila

was the recipient of a previous book grant from the Society and has hosted campus speaking engagements by Rabbi William B. Silverman and Rabbi Paul Levenson, speakers provided by the Society. The Jewish Chautauqua Society is sponsored by the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods whose local chapter is at the Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah.



Sr. Una Marie, Donald Golden, Sr. Olive Louise

Sears Foundation Donates To Continuing Support



Sr. Olive Louise accepts a donation of the Sears Foundation from Eugene Warner, group personnel manager of the Sears Roebuck and Co. Kansas City area stores. Mr. Warner has visited the campus before as a representative of the Sears Foundation which contributes to the support of private colleges. The Sears gift will be used for the continuing support program of the college.

Enrollment Up For Second Semester

Unofficial figures indicate that enrollment is up again for second semester. At present the count is 1,460. Fall enrollment was 1,445. In addition, there were 28 students who completed degree requirements in December. This marks the third year in which second semester enrollment has increased over first semester. Traditionally colleges experience a decline in the second semester.



Exhibits in Art Gallery Open Through May

An exhibit by students of the art department (above) is on display in the gallery in lower Ridgway Hall through the month of February. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Also on exhibit this month at the Blue Springs Municipal Building is a selection of watercolors

and mixed media by Sr. Margaret Reinhart, coordinator of the Avila art program.

Christian Symbolism

"Multi-Media Two," an exhibit by Sr. Colette Doering and Miss Dorothy Adams of the art department faculty, will be on display March 2-24. The exhibit will focus on Christian symbolism and will feature jewelry, enameling, sculpture and wood collages by Dorothy Adams, and sculpture, drawing, ceramics, photography and painting by Sr. Colette. The opening of the exhibit will be March 2 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Lee Coats, also of the art faculty, will exhibit drawings, paintings and stitchery April 1-11. Senior exhibits will begin April 21 and run through May 16.

More Vets on Campus

Miss Sally Robertson, veterans coordinator, reports that nearly 250 veterans, dependents of veterans and inservice personnel are enrolled at Avila for spring semester compared to 103 at this time a year ago. Veterans recently have been encouraged to pursue higher education by the passage of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 which increased benefits to GI's by nearly 23%.

The Avila Veterans Affairs Office, which is under the direction of Sally, was established to provide individualized attention in helping the veteran adjust to college life. The office provides admissions assistance, academic and personal counsel-

ing, career development and placement.

Providing assistance to the program is the representative assigned to Avila by the Veterans Administration, Gary Waddell. Gary is on campus one day each month to assist veterans and to work with the office.